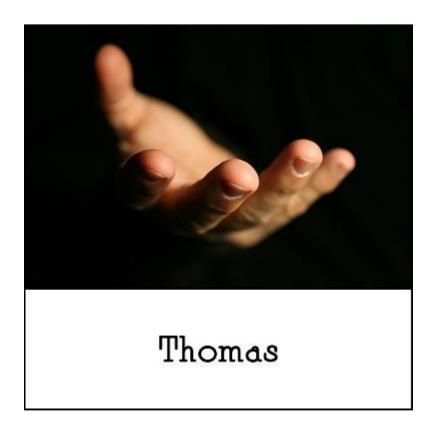
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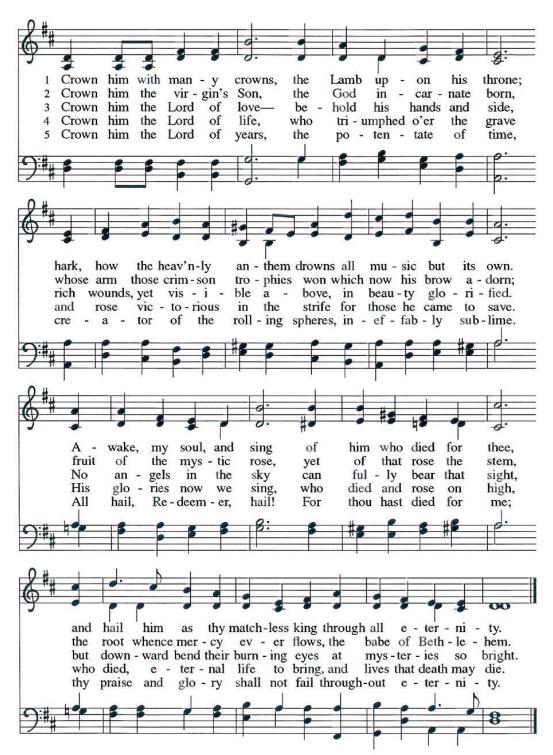


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## GATHERING

Music to Prepare Us For Worship

Gathering Songs – "Crown Him with Many Crowns" & "Let Everything that has Breath"

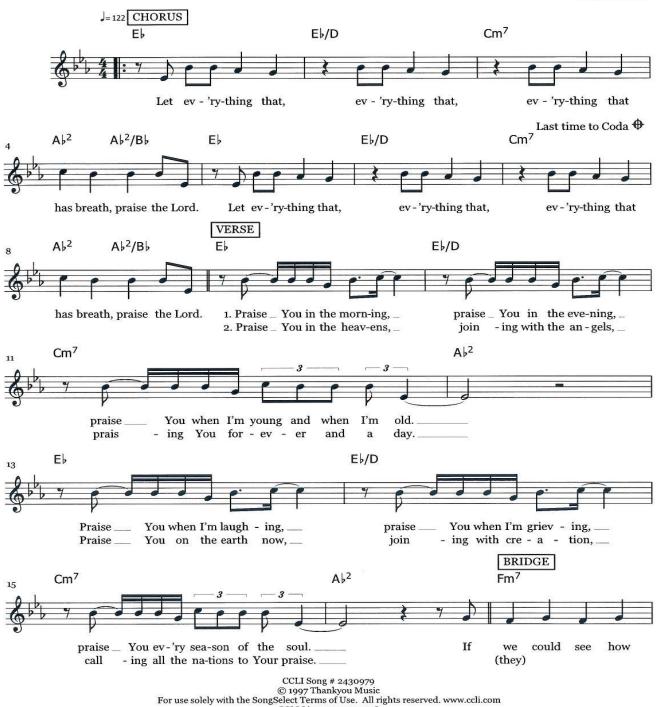


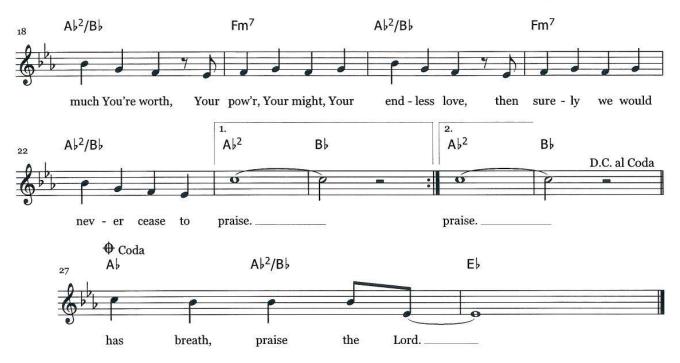
Crown Him with Many Crowns

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# Let Everything That Has Breath

Words and Music by Matt Redman





Introduce the Theme with Kids

Welcome, River Source, Connection Cards

#### No Longer Strangers Prayer

God of the Stranger,

You stand in front of us and we mistake you for someone else, someone that simply can't be Jesus. Open our eyes to see you in the stranger, the enemy, the weird kid, the family member, the unexpected meeting. Seeing you in others is the way you are alive and well, risen from the dead again and again. Amen.

Meet Someone New

Bridge and Chorus of "Let Everything that Has Breath" to bring people back together.

#### Confession and Forgiveness

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us confess that God is God and we are not.

Silence for confession

#### Forgiving God,

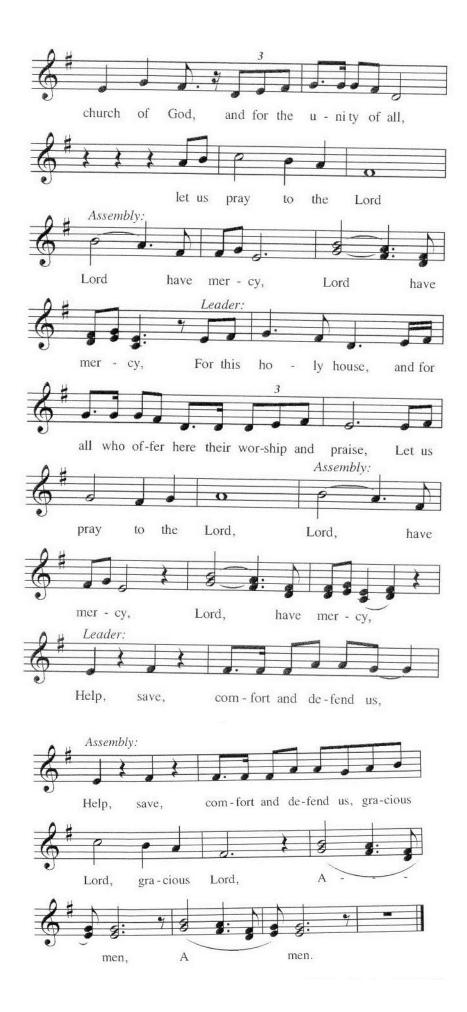
We confess that we arrive at the tomb filled with unbelief, filled with grief. Even when we see you alive and well in our lives, showing up in people we don't know or like, we turn away from you. We respond with sarcasm and wit; we arm ourselves with facts and alternative facts. We roll our eyes, all the while separating ourselves from you as we further the distance from each other. We are sorry. Please forgive us. Forgive us for continuing to choose sides, pick teams, point fingers, and turn our backs. Amen.

#### Hear this Good News:

Even when we mistake Jesus for the gardener or for the enemy, we are never mistaken or forgotten by Jesus. Sisters and brothers, you are forgiven. You are a child of God. You are not remembered for what you've done wrong. You are not remembered as the sum of your mistakes. You are loved by God. Your life is forever changed. You are free! **Amen! Alleluia!** 

#### Songs "Kyrie" & "This is the Feast"







This is the Feast



This is the Feast



#### Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the community of the Holy Spirit is with you all. And also with you.

Let us pray,

God of resurrection, Your son, Jesus, awed his followers by appearing among them. With awe we also celebrate his resurrection and rejoice in his peace. Amen.

## THE STORY

NARRATOR: Our story and God's story continues today, with a reading from John 20:19-31

Gospel Acclamation (Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go)



NARRATOR: When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said,

JESUS (Side 1): "Peace be with you."

NARRATOR: After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again,

JESUS (Side 2): "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

NARRATOR: When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them,

JESUS (Side 1): "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

NARRATOR: But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him,

DISCIPLES (ALL): "We have seen the Lord."

NARRATOR: But he said to them,

THOMAS: "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

NARRATOR: A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said,

JESUS (Side 2): "Peace be with you."

NARRATOR: Then he said to Thomas,

JESUS (Side 1): "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe."

NARRATOR: Thomas answered him,

THOMAS: "My Lord and my God!"

NARRATOR: Jesus said to him,

JESUS (Side 2): "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

NARRATOR: Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

NARRATOR: Stay tuned for the continuing drama that is our story and God's story. ALL: **Praise to you O Christ.** 

Wade in the Word

## Sermon

## Song "Hallelujah"

As we sing, write your prayers on the small piece of paper given to you or write them on the chalk boards located on walls around the worship space. Paper prayers will be collected during the song. The prayers will then be prayed out loud, anonymously.

#### HALLELUJAH

Music by Leonard Cohen Adapted for Easter with Lyrics by Kelly Mooney

A crown of thorns placed on His head He knew that He would soon be dead He said did you forget me Father did you? They nailed Him to a wooden cross soon all the world would feel the loss Of Christ the King before His Hallelujah.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

He hung His head and prepared to die Then lifted His face up to the sky Said I am coming home now Father to you. A reed which held His final sip was gently lifted to his lips He drank His last and gave His soul to glory.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

The soldier who had used his sword to pierce the body of our Lord Said truly this is Jesus Christ our Savior. He looked with fear upon his sword then turned to face his Christ and Lord Fell to his knees crying Hallelujah.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

Took from his head the thorny crown and wrapped him in a linen gown And laid him down to rest inside the tomb. The holes in his hands, his feet and side now in our hearts we know he died To save us from ourselves oh hallelujah.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

Three days went by again they came to move the stone to bless the slain With oil and spice anointing hallelujah. But as they went to move the stone they saw that they were not alone But Jesus Christ has risen Hallelujah.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah. Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

## Prayers of the People

Prayers will be read from the papers and the chalk boards. Every 4-5 petitions will end with, "Lord, we are in need of your mercy," and the congregation will respond, "hear our prayer."

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## THE FEAST

#### Setting the Table

As the kids help set the table, make a circle around the table and lead the congregation in the table prayer written by Martin Luther: Let's pray: Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest. And let these gifts to us be blest. Blest be God who is our bread, may all the world be clothed and fed. Amen.

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving The Lord is with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts! We lift them to the Risen Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise.

O God most mighty, O God most merciful, O God our rock and our salvation, hear us as we praise, call us to your table, grant us your life.

In the night when Jesus was betrayed by his best friends, he took bread. He blessed it and broke it and gave it to these same friends saying, "Take and eat. This is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup, blessed it and gave it for all to drink saying, "This is the new covenant, the new promise, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering his death, we cry out Amen! **Amen!** Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen! **Amen!** Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen. **Amen.** 

O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal. O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself. O God, you are Wine: warm our hearts and make us one. O God, you are Fire: transform us with hope.

O God most majestic, O God most motherly, O God our strength and our song, you show us a vision of a tree of life with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations. Grant us such life, the life of the Father to the Son, and the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior, life in you, now and forever. **Amen.** 

#### The Lord's Prayer

You are invited to join hands with those around you in prayer. If you are not the hand-holding type, then simply fold your hands in front of you or hang onto this bulletin as you pray.



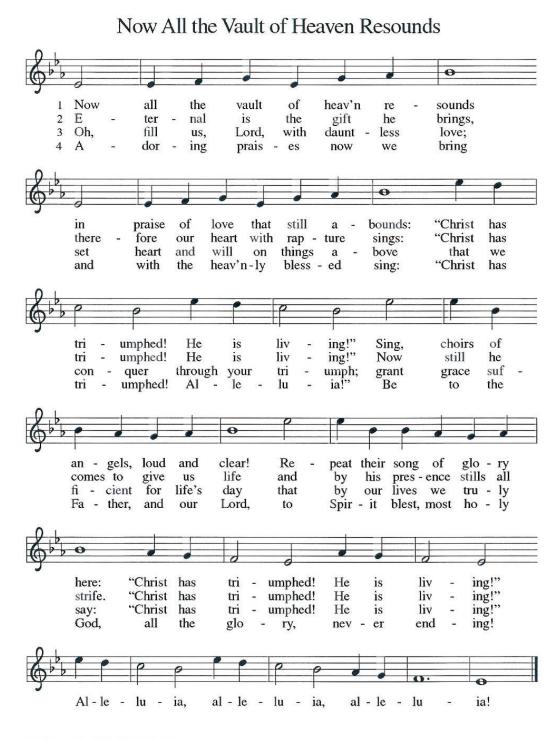
#### Invitation to the Meal

You are welcome to this meal. It is free and it is for you. If you hunger and thirst for grace and mercy that comes through Jesus Christ, then Christ has set this table just for you.

#### Communion Songs/Hymns "Lamb of God" & "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resound"



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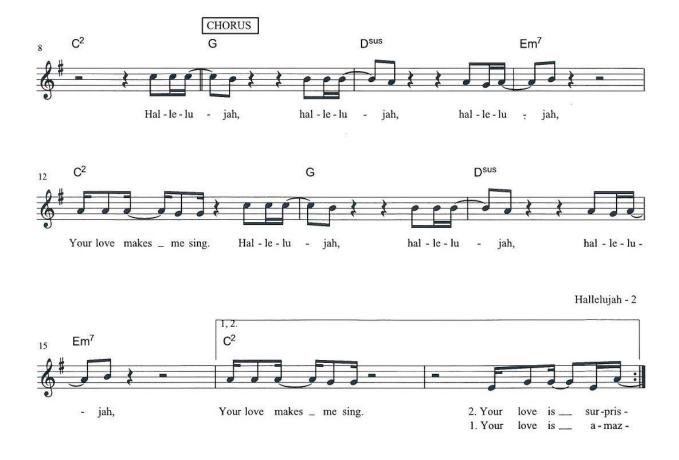
# THE SENDING

#### Blessing after Communion

May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his peace. Amen.

# Why does our church exist? What is our purpose? We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ.

## MILESTONES! "Hallelujah"



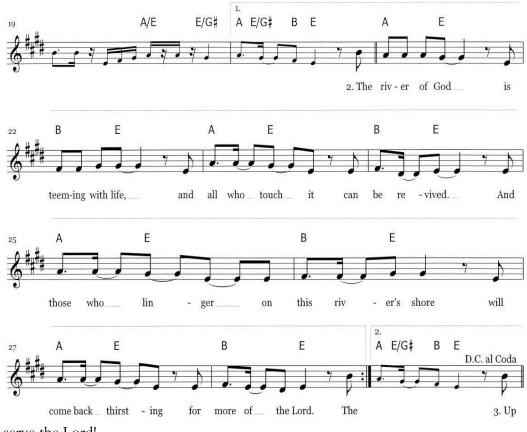
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Blessing God bless you and keep you, God smile on you and gift you, God look you full in the face and make you prosper. Amen! Alleluia! Amen!

#### Sending Song "The River Is Here"

(Kids are welcome to come up and play an instrument)





Go in peace – serve the Lord! Alleluia! Alleluia! Thanks be to God

## Music to Send You Out

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